



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of

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Appl. No. 10/554,295 TC/A.U. 1652

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December 16, 2008

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**RESPONSE**

This is in response to the Office Action dated October 20, 2008, in the above matter, the period for response having been extended up to December 20, 2008, by submission of the required petition and fee herewith.

In response to the Examiner's requirement for restriction, Applicants elect the subject matter of Invention 2 (claims 8-23) for prosecution in this application. This election is made with traverse. The Examiner is requested to reconsider the requirement for restriction and consider all of the claims in this application since it is believed that a thorough search of the subject matter of Invention 2 would necessarily encompass the subject matter of Inventions 1 and 3 as well. Accordingly, consideration of all of the claims here would not place any undue search burden on the Examiner.

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An early and favorable Action is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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